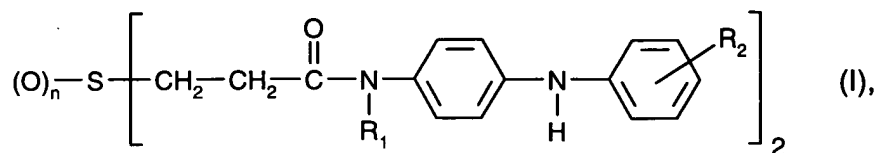


1. (amended): A compound of formula I



wherein

R_1 [C_3 - C_8 alkyl] is C_3 - C_{12} alkyl,

R_2 is hydrogen or C_1 - C_4 alkyl, and

n is the number 1 or 2.

2. (amended): A compound according to claim 1, wherein

R_1 is [hydrogen or] C_3 - C_8 alkyl,

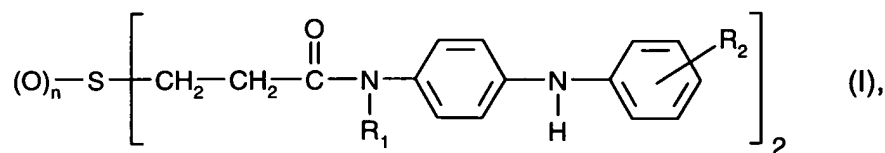
R_2 is hydrogen, and

n is the number [0 or] 1.

3. (amended): A composition, which comprises

a) a carbon black-free elastomer subject to oxidative, thermal, light- or ozone-induced degradation, and

b) at least one compound of formula I



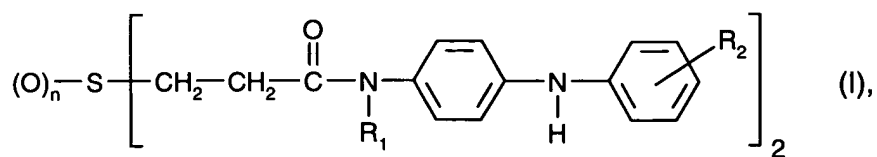
wherein

R_1 is [C_3 - C_8 alkyl] C_3 - C_{12} alkyl,

R_2 is hydrogen or C_1 - C_4 alkyl, and

n is the number 1 or 2.

12. (amended): A process for stabilizing and reducing the discoloration of carbon black-free elastomers, which comprises incorporating in, or applying to, said elastomers at least one compound of formula I



wherein

R₁ is [C₃-C₈alkyl] C₃-C₁₂alkyl,

R₂ is hydrogen or C₁-C₄alkyl, and

n is the number 1 or 2.